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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL MORGAN TO ATHENS

1. CODEL MORGAN ARRIVED IN ATHENS FROM ANKARA THE MORNING OF JAN 13 AND DEPARTED FOR BELGRADE THE AFTERNOON OF JAN 14. DURING THEIR THIRTY-HOUR VISIT HERE MEMBERS OF THE CODEL HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE COUNTRY TEAM AND TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADING OFFICIALS OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

2. SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL, MEMBERS OF THE CODEL WERE BRIEFED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND THE COUNTRY TEAM. LATE THE AFTERNOON OF JAN 13, THE CODEL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR, WENT TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHERE THEY HELD A DISCUSSION FOR OVER AN HOUR WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BITSIOS AND MINISTER OF COORDINATION AND PLANNING PAPALIGOURAS. THE DISCUSSION CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THE US AID PACKAGE FOR GREECE WHICH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS. THE CODEL AND THE AMBASSADOR THEN WENT ACROSS THE STREET TO THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE WHERE THEY MET WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, ALSO FOR OVER AN HOUR, DURING WHICH THE SAME SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED AGAIN. (THESE MEETINGS WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE THE MORNING OF JAN

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14. HOWEVER, THE EVENING OF JAN 12, THE PRIME MINISTERS

OFFICE REQUESTED THAT THEY BE MOVED UP TO THE EVENING
OF JAN 13.)

3. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE
CODEL ATTENDED A RECEPTION GIVEN IN THEIR HONOR BY AMBASSADOR
AND MRS. KUBISCH. THE RECEPTION GAVE MEMBERS OF THE CODEL
THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TALK WITH A NUMBER OF GREEK
PARLIAMENTARIANS (FROM THE NEW DEMOCRACY AND CENTER UNION/
NEW FORCES PARTIES) AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF. EXCEPT
FOR A FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE CODEL AND THE
AMBASSADOR IN THE MORNING, JAN 14 WAS LEFT OPEN FOR REST
AND ELAXATION, WHICH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL
MEMBERS OF THE CODEL. IN GENERAL THEY WERE QUITE PLEASED
WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR VISIT HERE AND FOUND THEIR
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE GREEK MINISTERS
USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE. A REPORT ON THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL
FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
KUBISCH

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